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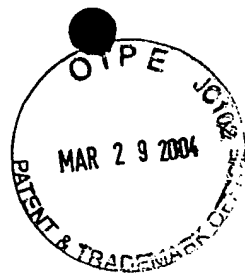
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Filed: February 22, 1999

For: DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,
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AND DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

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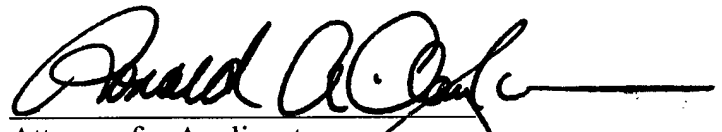
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Respectfully submitted,

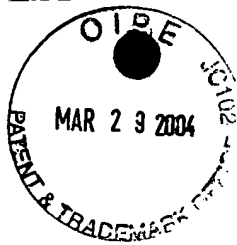


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 9.

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